

FAMILY AND CHILD POVERTY

Children who live in poverty are at risk for a variety of difficulties, including health-related problems, school failure and delinquency. The indicators in this section provide a sense of the extent of economic need in Chesterfield County.

The estimated median income for Chesterfield County households in 2000 was \$65,058. This is 1.4 times greater than the average for Virginia.

A number of agencies that provide programs for families in financial need saw an increase in monthly caseloads in fiscal 2005. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, increased by 16 percent, the average monthly caseload for Medicaid increased by 13 percent and the average monthly caseload for Food Stamp Benefits increased by 18 percent.

The average monthly enrollment for Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, a nutritional program for low-income women, increased by over 300 participants from 2004 to 2005. The number of students approved to receive free lunches continued to increase in the 2005 school year.

The unemployment rate in Chesterfield County was 2.3 percent in the 2000 census.

Family Income Chesterfield County 1990-2000 U.S. Census Comparison

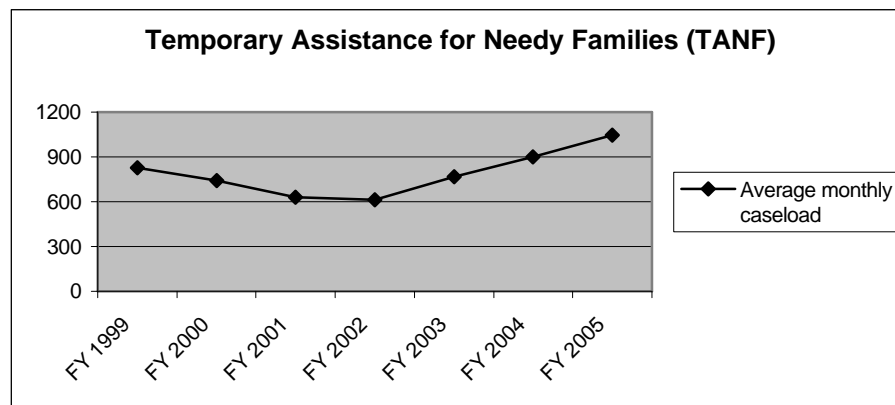
	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percent change
Total Families with Children	34,169	28,203	- 17%
Median Income of Families	\$48,064	\$65,058	+ 35%
Families in Poverty			
All Family Households	2,050	2,417	+ 18%
Female-Headed Households	1,196	1,389	+ 16%

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Average monthly caseload	827	740	628	615	769	901	1,045

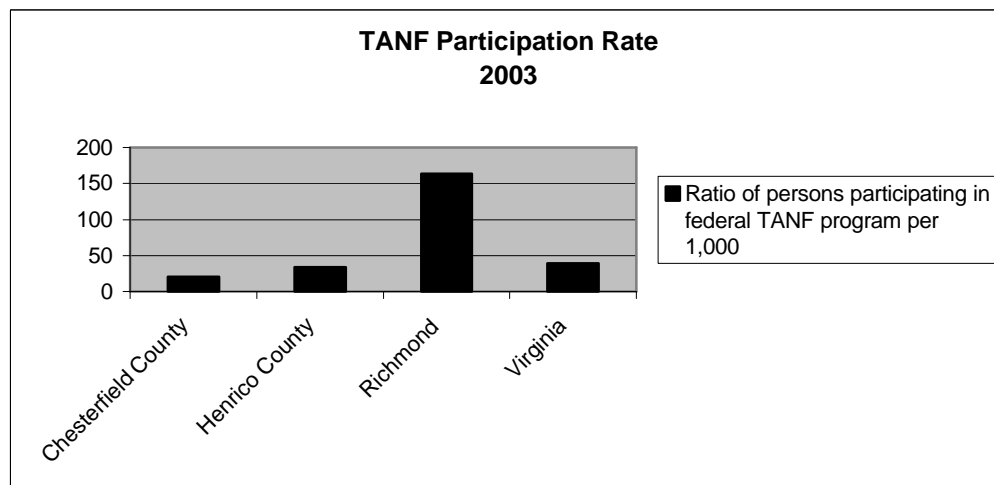
Source: Chesterfield County Department of Social Services



TANF Participation Rate 2003

	Chesterfield County	Henrico County	Richmond	Virginia
Ratio of persons participating in federal TANF program per 1,000	20.47	34.21	163.28	39.45

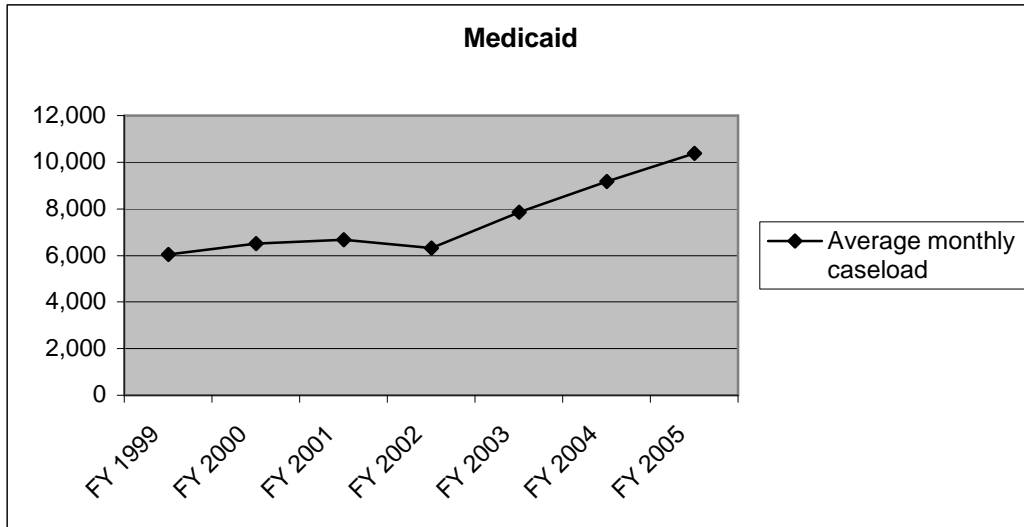
Source: Virginia Prevention Needs Assessment Social Indicator Database



Medicaid

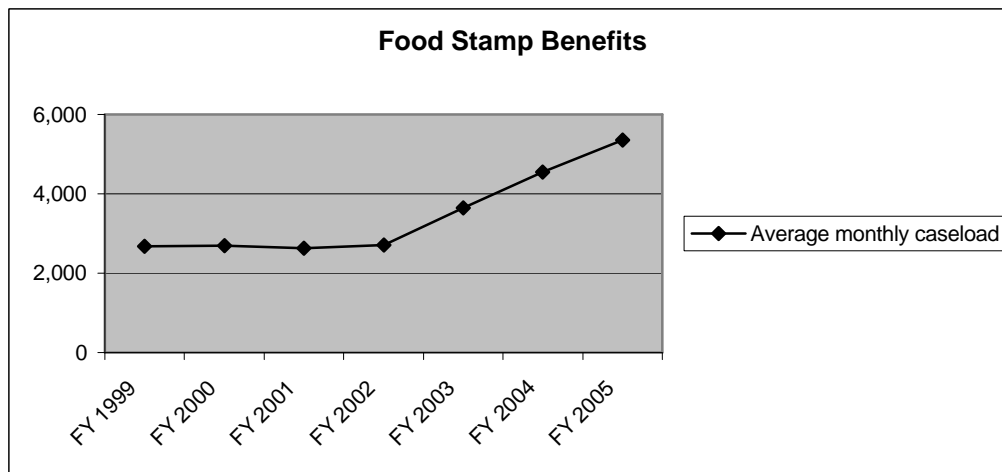
	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Average monthly caseload	6,031	6,507	6,684	6,327	7,852	9,165	10,393

Source: Chesterfield County Department of Social Services

**Food Stamp Benefits**

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Average monthly caseload	2,679	2,693	2,628	2,707	3,638	4,543	5,351

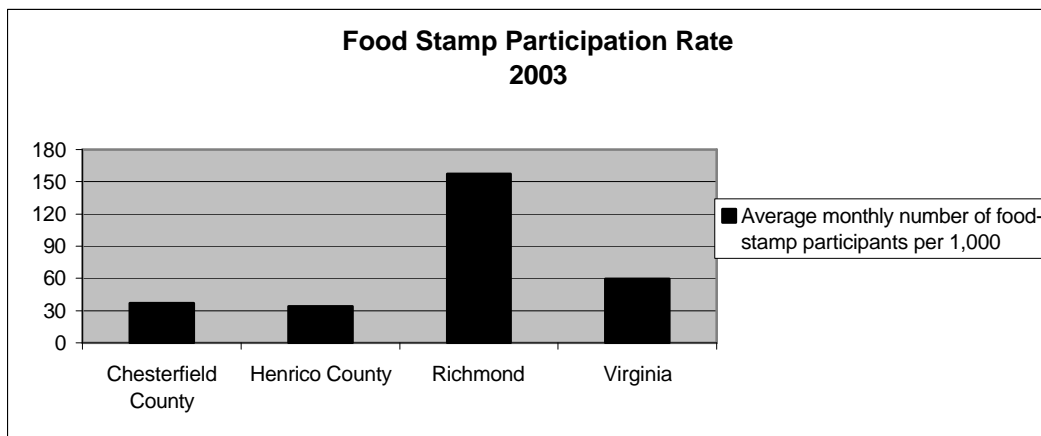
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Food Stamp Participation Rate 2003

	Chesterfield County	Henrico County	Richmond	Virginia
Average monthly number of food-stamp participants per 1,000	36.79	34.21	157.53	59.58

Source: Virginia Prevention Needs Assessment Social Indicator Database

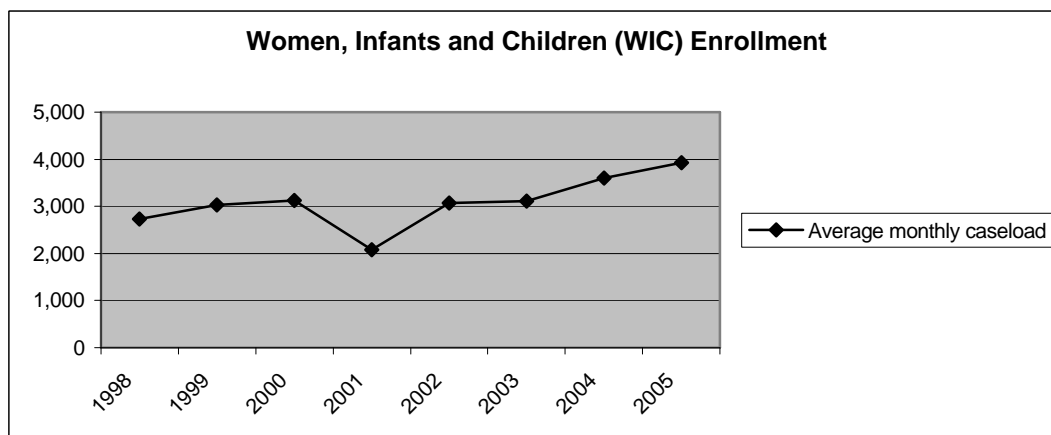


Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Enrollment

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Average monthly caseload	2,732	3,030	3,125	2,078	3,069	3,109	3,600	3,926*

Source: Chesterfield County Department of Health

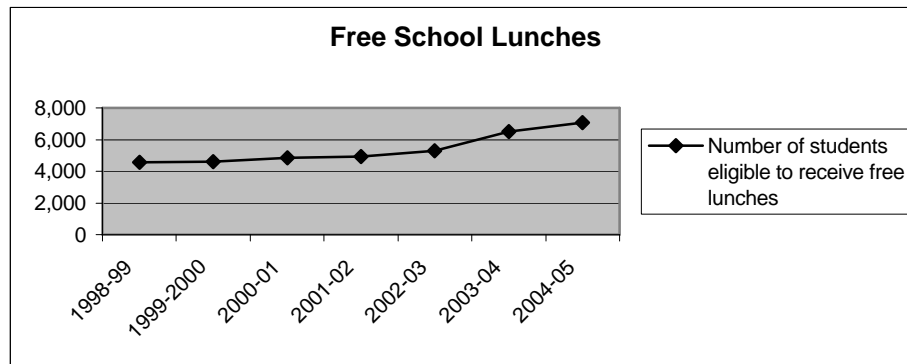
* Data as of September 30, 2005



Free School Lunches

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Number of students eligible to receive free lunches	4,551	4,613	4,858	4,918	5,283	6,504	7,056

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools



Percentage of Students Participating in Free and Reduced-Price Lunches 2003-04

	Chesterfield	Henrico	Richmond	Virginia
Percentage of public-school students whose applications have been approved for free and reduced-price lunches	14.36%	17.32%	72.14%	30.61%

Source: Virginia Prevention Needs Assessment Social Indicator Data Base

